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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

AKIRA HIRAISHI

Serial No.: 10/772,937

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For: MOLECULAR BIOLOGICAL
IDENTIFICATION TECHNIQUES
FOR MICROORGANISMS

Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Steven C. Pohnert

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: